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Tulsa County allocates \$13.4 million to ARP projects, including airport infrastructure

Tulsa County Commissioners approved \$13.4 million from American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding Monday toward nine community projects in support of economic development and improving health outcomes.

Tulsa County is partnering with the City of Tulsa, the State of Oklahoma and others to fund a critical need at the Tulsa International Airport for construction of a new tower. Airport officials have made the case that the existing tower has far exceeded its intended lifespan, and an eventual shutdown would significantly affect Tulsa County's economic development.

Tulsa County provided \$7 million contingent upon the Tulsa International Airport receiving matching funds from the City of Tulsa and additional funding from the State of Oklahoma and the Tulsa Airport Authority to cover the estimated \$42 million total cost.

"These projects represent just a few of the significant projects we're evaluating and supporting with Tulsa County's ARP funding," said Tulsa County Commission Chairman Stan Sallee. "The Tulsa International Airport is a significant partner in Tulsa County's prosperity. Passenger and commercial air traffic ensure families stay connected, businesses grow and packages get delivered in a timely fashion. We're excited to build a new control tower to avoid any future disruption and to encourage future airport growth."

The complete list of projects approved Monday are:

- Tulsa International Airport control tower - \$7 million
 - Family Safety Center capital improvements - \$2 million
 - OKPOP improvements to address effects of pandemic - \$2 million
 - River Parks improvements to Turkey Mountain - \$1 million
 - Tulsa County Treasurer office remote working needs and modernization - \$650,000
 - Muscogee Nation COVID-19 clinic - \$500,000
 - Route 66 Village improvements - \$150,000
 - Alternative Courts capital improvements - \$62,507
 - Court Services remote working needs - \$30,480.63
- Total - \$13,392,987.63

Tulsa County received the first of two ARP annual funding installments May 25. In total, Tulsa County will receive \$126.5 million through 2022.

Tulsa County established five priorities for ARP funding:

- Respond to COVID-19;
- Support economic recovery and development;

- Generate equity in underserved populations and communities;
- Build infrastructure, and
- Replace lost revenue.

To date, Tulsa County has approved \$31.7 million, or 24% of the total anticipated funds.

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